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representation. That's your view?

SENATOR JONES: (Laugh) Well, not completely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So maybe they could be under some circumstances entitled to a bit of representation. Right?

SENATOR JONES: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Jones. looking at people in the "culture corner" over here. And I don't think they're following what we're doing here this I think in all seriousness Senator Beutler has a very reasonable amendment. I have heard all the talk about the rural areas. We might have more urban senators than rural senators now and if we want to break it down on that basis, that can be done. But the rural senators are the first ones always here saying, we don't want to make a rural/urban split, when they see the urban forces marshalling in a way that might not make it so pleasant for the rural senators. Yet the rural senators are the first ones to bring that split up and say, we're interested in what benefits the rural people. Yeah, we have ten times as much representation as the urban people have but it benefits us in the rural areas and we want to keep it that way but we don't want to pay property tax. We want the state to give us state aid, the majority of which money will come from the urban areas. We don't mind the urban areas paying a disproportionate amount of the money that goes into state aid to bail out these rural areas who have two...why do you think we've got over 260 school districts in this state ...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...where you've got some counties that don't have 260 people in them because they're trying to get out of paying taxes. Then they're going to stand up here this evening and say, rural, rural, rural, but tomorrow they're going to say, we don't want a rural/urban split. I pay attention. Senator Erdman is teaching me. "Deacon" Jones is teaching me. And Senator Vrtiska might be a silent partner, but I'm going to wait until he expresses himself before I put him in...within the